GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF NARCOTICS
RAM SINGH KASWAN;RAMDAS RUPALA GAVIT;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increased in the smuggling of narcotics in the country through Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the preventive steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) No, Sir.
(b) Does not arise.
(c) To deal effectively with the smuggling of narcotic drugs, the Government has taken a number of steps. These include instructions to all drug enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up the enforcement efforts, fencing of Indo-Pak border and provision of flood lighting, periodical training of the enforcement officers, close interaction between the agencies of the Central and State Governments and quarterly co-ordination meetings for this purpose by the Narcotics Control Bureau, neutralizing organised drug traffickers by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of the police and security forces with advanced weapons, empowerment of a large number of Central and State Agencies under the Narcotic DrugsAnd Psychotropic Substances Act to ensure its effective implementation, and a liberal reward scheme for informers.